

Although there isn't a Sinclair Broadcasting channel in my area I feel that the decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It also shows me that by allowing this action that the FCC is not doing its job.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. This also shows me that by allowing Sinclair to move forward with this that they will be rewarded by the Bush administration by allowing them to purchase more local markets to up their corporate profits. The government which is for the people is advancing their own agenda and allowing the wealthy Sinclair executive to become even more so. Please do something positive and set an example. Thank you.